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Local and General.

Rev. M. White, M. A., returned from the coast on Thursday last.

Aunger & Shute, dental parlors, upstairs over Morris & Taylor's hardware store.

Nothing has been heard yet of the Government purchasing a site for the new post office.

Constable Lister had one case of "drunk and disorderly" in police court Tuesday. Fine and costs were assessed.

D. C. Gourlay returned Saturday from Winnipeg. He says the citizens of the "peg" were experiencing very disagreeable weather.

Mayor Tice, of Stettler, and Mrs. Tice, were in town Tuesday. His Worship is still using the familiar expression, "Stettler for ours."

The slump in real estate will give assessors an idea of real values. The Lacombe assessment should be reduced at least twenty-five per cent this year.

The Chinese cook at the Victoria was up before the court Tuesday evening charged with threatening the termination of the earthly career of Fred Lehman. The yellow man was fined ten dollars and costs.

Irwin G. Jones, a Long Valley homesteader, was adjudged insane by John McKenty, J. P., last week, and was taken to the Brandon asylum on Friday. He is a single man, age 25. His parents reside in California.

The Skinner Drug Company opened for business on Thursday. They have a new and specially selected stock of drugs, druggists' sundries, books and stationery. Both the stock and premises are very attractive.

The programs are out for the meeting of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League, to be held in Calgary on March 4th and 5th. Anyone desiring a copy of this program can obtain it by addressing the secretary, Rev. Geo. G. Webber, Innisfail.

There was no quorum at the town council meeting on Tuesday evening. Councillors Vickerson, Murphy and McDonald were the only members present. The auditor's report is said to be ready and from the same source comes the information that there was a current revenue surplus last year of over two thousand dollars. The report throughout shows that the business of the town last year was conducted better by far than any previous year.

D. McIntosh, a homesteader on the Gull Lake road, had Myrtle Monson, a chambermaid at the Royal Hotel, arrested last Friday on a charge of stealing \$20 that he claims to have lost. It appears that Mr. McIntosh slept at the Royal on Thursday night and according to his testimony, when he left the hotel Friday morning he forgot to take his pocketbook which he had placed under the pillow when he went to bed. He returned Friday noon to get the pocketbook but could not find it and had the chambermaid arrested on suspicion. After hearing the evidence the case was dismissed by J. P.'s McKenty and Carruthers, there being no evidence to show that the girl was in any way connected with the disappearance of the money.

PROVINCIAL SEED FAIR.

The Department of Agriculture sends out the following official list of the prize winners at the Provincial Seed Fair held at Lethbridge, February 18th, 19th and 20th:

Class 1, Section 1, winter wheat Alberta Red, 1st, J. Vosburgh, Granum; 2nd, H. J. Bowden, Claresholm; 3rd, Elias Pilling, Leavitt; 4th, Miles Parks, Bowville; 5th, Chas. Quinton, Leavitt; 6th, W. Blackorby, Claresholm; 7th, Eli Bennett, Magrath.

Class 1, Section 2, winter wheat, soft, 2nd, Walter Ackroyd, Magrath; 3rd, Chas. Quinton, Leavitt.

Class 1, Section 3, spring wheat, Red Fife, 1st, E. H. Earl, Medicine Hat; 2nd, Wm. H. Spackman, Sterling; 3rd, Jos. Atkinson, Norton; 4th, A. Woolley, Medicine Hat; 5th, Jas. L. Wannop, Laurence; 6th, John T. Steele, Magrath; 7th, Orson Bridge, Magrath.

Class 1, Section 4, spring wheat, other than Red Fife, 1st, J. Vosburgh, Granum; 2nd, D. Pelletier, Lethbridge; 3rd, Evert Evans, MacLeod; 4th, Gustave A. Bruchet, Lethbridge; 5th, John Jones, Iron Springs; 6th, A. Woolley, Medicine Hat.

Class 1, Section 5, best bushel spring wheat, 1st, J. Vosburgh, Granum; 2nd, E. H. Earl, Medicine Hat; 3rd, W. H. Spackman, Sterling.

Class 2, Section 1, oats, Banner, 1st, W. H. Pawson, Coaldale; 2nd, E. H. Earl, Medicine Hat; 3rd, John Brodie, Lethbridge; 4th, B. S. Pawson, Coaldale; 5th, J. Vosburgh, Granum; 6th, W. Damon, MacLeod.

Class 2, Section 2, oats, long, 1st, B. James, Lethbridge; 2nd, T. Allen Brick, Peace River Crossing; 3rd, A. E. Keffer, Lethbridge; 4th, A. Woolley, Medicine Hat; 5th, Geo. E. Hemeloyk, Coaldale; 6th, H. H. Jenkins, Pincher Creek; 7th, Walter Ackroyd, Magrath.

Class 2, Section 3, oats, short, 1st, H. J. Bowden, Cardston; 2nd, E. S. Henniger, Magrath; 3rd,

Hugh Curry, Ingleton; 4th, Wm. H. Spackman, Sterling; 5th, Wm. Moodie, De Winton; 6th, A. Woolley, Medicine Hat.

Class 3, Section 1, barley, two rowed, 1st, A. Woolley, Medicine Hat; 2nd, J. Vosburgh, Granum.

Class 3, Section 2, barley, six rowed; 1st, A. E. Keffer, Lethbridge; 2nd, F. E. Renaud, Gleichen; 3rd, E. H. Earl, Medicine Hat; 4th, Hugh Curry, Ingleton; 5th, H. B. Moore, Innisfail.

Class 4, Section 1, peas, 1st, J. Vosburgh, Granum; 2nd, A. Woolley, Medicine Hat.

Class 4, Section 2, flax seed, 1st

C. E. Ingram, Lethbridge.

Class 5, Section 1, timothy seed 1st, Jos. C. Peterson, Raymond; 2nd, S. E. Howard, Innisfail.

Class 5, Section 2, bromo grass, 1st, J. H. Connell, Gladys; 2nd, P. A. Switzer, Lacombe; 3rd, Alex. C. Blackwood, De Winton.

Hospital Fund.

Lacombe, Feb. 6
Total cash on hand.....\$1053.00
Amount paid for hospital site.....\$11.50
Total contributions to date.....\$1064.50

Estray Notice.

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MORE SUPPRESSION

A New Gag.—Minority Play Not Appeal Against Suppression of Evidence Until the Investigation Has Been Permanently Blocked.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Parliament has once more given the party vote to choke off investigation into public expenditure. Last week the majority in the Public Accounts Committee prevented Mr. Foster from questioning director Wickwire of the Sub-Target Company (which pays \$64 for machines and sells them to the government for \$250) about negotiations between himself and the promoter respecting the government contract. The majority in the committee, for first time in Canadian history, refused to allow an appeal to be taken to the House, and on Thursday of this week Mr. Blain brought up the matter in the Commons. He proposed a resolution that "the greatest possible freedom of investigation into the expenditure of public money" should be enjoyed by the committee and that any action of the majority in excluding evidence or restricting inquiry should be subject to immediate appeal to the House.

The Premier took a singular position regarding this motion. He admitted the right of appeal but objected to its exercise. He held that if evidence was shut out the minority had a right to seek redress from the House but not until the inquiry was concluded and report presented. That is to say after the inquiry is blocked and the witnesses are gone, and the matter is closed, the House may be asked to say that the evidence should have been allowed. Sir Wilfrid permits a post mortem appeal against the suppression of evidence after the evidence is permanently suppressed. This is satisfactory to members professionally engaged in chocking off investigation and to the boddies who desire protection. It suits the middlemen.

Obstructionists are now kicking themselves because they did not think of this trick two years ago. They might thus have choked off the disclosures of the Merwin contracts and many boddling operations. Merwin is the middleman who bought ordinary engines for the Marine Department paying the trade price of \$262 for one and turning it over to the Government for \$550, paying \$335 for another and passing it to the Government at \$650, and so on through a long range of articles. At first the witness refused to disclose the regular trade price, but when appeal to the House was ordered he and the majority backed down, and in fifteen minutes the committee got information concerning \$18,000 worth of business out of about a million and a half transacted with this group. They showed a rake-off at the rate of half a million dollars in the whole transactions. The device of refusing the appeal had not then been discovered. Mr.

Pugsley brought that trick to Ottawa with the result that a 187 per cent rake-off on a Survevant engine or a 300 per cent margin on a sub-target machine, or a \$9,000 election contribution in Sir Fred Borden's county out of sub-target profits may be arranged with greater safety.

A Few New Brunswick Deals.

Mr. Pugsley himself has gone to New Brunswick to steer the Provincial Government through the elections. The Dominion has already made some contributions to the campaign. It has provided a quarantine office at \$1,800 a year to a local member whose seat was wanted for the Attorney-General. It has furnished a \$2,200 office to another member who was in the way. On his behalf the Mayor of St. John has the promise of post-mastership as the price of his candidature. An I. C. R. claims agent has been induced to become a candidate with his position held for him in case he should need it again. A Provincial member has been under Dominion pay of \$25 per day holding alleged investigations. A town postmaster has been permitted to speak at party rallies. Seven new post offices have been promised to one small county. A scheme to purchase for the Dominion fourteen railways connecting with the Intercolonial in the Province has been brought forward. A Grand Trunk Pacific terminus at Courtney Bay has been discovered. And the campaign is only well begun.

Inspecting His Employers.

It is a poor week which does not bring some new development of dredging operations. This time it is Dr. Spohn, former Liberal M. P., afterward Liberal office holder, now pursuing more profitable operations as a dredging contractor. Dr. Spohn's dredging company employs J. W. Gendron, whose brother is interested with Dr. Spohn in other dredging contracts. In the winter season Mr. Gendron works for Dr. Spohn's Company. In the summer he is the government inspector certifying to the quantity and quality of work done in the Spohn company contract. But his relations with the contract company go on through the summer, when he regularly takes the company's cheques and pays off the men on the dredges. He draws \$3 a day from the Government as an independent officer supposed to be rigidly measuring the work done and determining whether it is worth 50 as hard pan or belongs to the 25 or 20 or 14 cents class. Sometimes Mr. Gendron makes more than \$3 a day. One summer another inspector drawing \$3 for watching other work in the neighborhood farmed out his job at half price to Gendron and went off about other business, taking half the pay himself while Gendron drew a pay and a half. As the country is paying many millions for dredging, and as the inspectors have the power to reduce or swell this amount by hundreds of thousands the public can judge whether this situation is satisfactory.

Seed Grain and Politics.

The bill to provide money to purchase seed grain for Western farmers has been passed. Advances are limited to those whose

crop failed and there is no help for new comers who never had a crop, and may be less able to buy seed than the older settlers, when the supply is scarce and the price high. The advance must be repaid in one year. Mr. Lake and other Western opposition members, contended that if the advance were made at all the settler should not be forced to repay it all out of the next year's crop which may also be small. The government plea is that the Minister may relax the conditions in necessary cases. As election time is approaching this power may be improperly used to favor or coerce the debtors on whose property the Federal and Provincial Governments are taking a mortgage. Mr. Lake's amendment for repayment in three annual instalments was voted down by the regular party majority. It is disclosed that the Government distribution will be in the hands of Leach, the chief perpetrator of the notorious "thin red line" scandal, by which 9,000 Manitoba voters were disfranchised in 1904.

Another Prosperous Year.

The Merchants Bank of Canada completed, a few weeks ago, its 44th year of successful business. The annual report, which was published in a former issue of this paper, shows that the bank, under wise and capable management, passed safely through the financial flurry of the last few months, and made a very satisfactory showing on the year's business.

The Bank's paid up capital is six million dollars, and its reserve fund four millions. After paying eight per cent dividends it carries forward \$267,400.75 as surplus profits. Its total assets amount to \$52,135,598.22.

The general manager, Mr. Hebbden, in his annual address, gave expression to the prevailing opinion among eastern bankers in regard to the general situation. He said:

"There has, perhaps, never been in recent years in Canada a time when a policy of moderation in public and private affairs was so plainly called for as the present, and in saying this I believe I am only expressing a thought uppermost in the minds of most thinking responsible men in Canada. The change in the commercial and economic situation in the neighboring republic for the worse, within the past few months, has been kaleidoscopic. It is now happily showing signs of improvement. In Canada we are altogether better situated, and it is our good fortune to be working under a better banking and currency system. But this is a slowing down time with us, a time to take stock of our positions, and to retrench and be mutually helpful withal, by being moderate in our commitments and undertakings, and thereby introducing a factor into affairs making for the retaining of all our advantage, which

can only be interfered with by untimely optimism."

RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM.

No Metropolitan Newspaper on this side of the Atlantic or the other has done more for the public service than the "Montreal Witness." Few indeed are the papers that can show such a record as its more than sixty years of fearless championship of moral reform. The "Witness" has ever dared to stand up for what it believed to be right, regardless of its own financial interests. Though published in Canada's greatest manufacturing centre, it has persistently championed the cause of the farmer both east and west.

In the words of one of the ablest men of our day, the principal of one of our own colleges, "Canada owes a debt of obligation to the 'Witness' that it will never be able to repay." In its subscription interest, the "Witness" annually organizes a revenue of many thousands of dollars by the attitude it takes towards serious or questionable advertisements.

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1 Wombat, 32.00 reduced to 26.00
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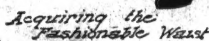
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Local and General.

Mrs. A. Urquhart started to Scotland Monday for an extended visit at the old home.

Wm. Gowat, of St. Marys, Ontario, arrived Friday and endeavored to locate in the Lacombe district. He expresses himself as much pleased with this part of Alberta.

Dr. Simpson is offering himself as a candidate to stand for election to the University Senate. He is fully qualified for this position and comes from a district that should be represented.

A member of the Board of Trade Council informs us that a scheme for advertising the town and district is now under consideration. The advertiser has unbought faith in the virtues of advertising, hence we are glad to report that the Board is moving in this direction.

The annual convention of the Sabbath Schools and Epworth Leagues of the Lacombe, Red Deer and Stettler Districts is still in session as we close our forms for this issue. There is a very full attendance of delegates and much local interest has been taken in the proceedings.

A very successful At Home, was held in the Masonic Hall under the auspices of Eureka Lodge No. 10 A. F. & A. M., on Tuesday evening last. Worshipful Master L. B. Browne ably fulfilled the duties of chairman. About 150 invited guests were present and all seemed to enjoy the event very much. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music and short addresses. Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Lister, Miss Cooper and Mr. Gottschlich supplied the musical part, and their numbers were favorably received by the appreciative audience. The addresses were short and suitable and were given by Mr. Hutton, Mr. Wm. Barrie, Mr. Elliott, Dr. Simpson and Rev. Robinson, Gordon and White. After the programme a very dainty lunch was served by the ladies, when a social time was spent in conversation and music which was furnished by Mrs. Fortune and Miss Cannon. About 11 p. m. the guests departed feeling that a very pleasant time had been spent while there.

Amateur Hockey Championship.

The final in the series of games for the championship in the Alberta Amateur Hockey League was played in Lacombe rink Wednesday evening, between Edmonton and Olds.

About three hundred people from Olds, Red Deer, Carstairs, Crossfield and other towns to the south, came up on a special train to see the game. Lacombe people also turned out well, so that there was probably the largest crowd in attendance that has ever witnessed a hockey game in Lacombe.

It was evident from the start that Edmonton stood to win, Olds' goal defense being decidedly weak. The game was at times fast and an occasional player adorning the fence showed that it was not lacking in excitement.

The score when time was called stood 7 to 3 in Edmonton's favor.

Central Alberta Stockgrowers.

The Central Alberta Stockgrowers are to have their next meeting at Lacombe, Alberta, March 6th, 1908.

Dr. Rutherford, Live Stock Commissioner, will be in attendance.

Frank Whiteside will give a report of the Live Stock Convention held at Ottawa.

And also other speakers of interest.

Those attending convention will get reduced rates by asking for C. P. R. Standard certificates at starting point.

The Hockey Club Carnival.

The carnival held Monday night in Cummings' rink under the auspices of the Lacombe Hockey Club, was a very successful affair. The costumes were many and varied. The Lacombe Band furnished the music for the occasion, which was much appreciated. The ladies of the Methodist church served lunch to the hungry skaters during the evening, thus filling a long felt want.

The following list of those appearing in costume has been sent in to us:

Mrs. Gordon, college girl
John Vickerson, tramp
Linda Roberts, Welsh lady
Hazel Ebersole, house maid
Reginald Browne, cow puncher
E. W. Graham, baker
Frank Lehman, Topsy
John Evans, freak
Miss E. Rose, snow
Will Broune, Sambo
Amy Puffer, Goddess of Dreams
F. Towler, Charles I
Miss Beatty, good old summer time
P. Payne, monk
Elsie Browne, butterfly
Loui Northwood, Mother Hubbard
D. Hay, Abraham
S. J. Carter, Cream of Wheat
Orpha Vickers, old maid
Edwina Horne, Scotch lass
Carrie Glass, lady rider
Miss Ebersole, Goddess of Love
A. Boyd, bat
Ina Trimble, a rose
John Hall, clown
Nellie Mooney, fencing girl
Miss Borne, gipsy
Ida Vickerson, bridegroom
H. Harrington, hard times
J. McCowan, grandma
Miss Lehman, flags of all nations
Dorothy Browne, out of date
L. J. Boyd, My Lady of the Snows
Mrs. Graham, college girl

The prize winners were:
Gent's Fancy Costume, 1 D. Hay
2, F. Towler.

Gent's Comic, 1 L. B. Miller, 2, S. J. Carter.

Boy's costume, 1 Tom Lee, 2, A. Crane.

Ladies' fancy costume, 1, Edwina Horne, 2, Lena Lehman.

Ladies' comic, 1, Orpha Vickers, 2, Miss Roberts.

Girl's costume, 1, Bernice Bailey, 2, Mrs. E. Trimble.

Ladies' race, 1 Mrs. E. Graham.

Men's race, 1 R. Browne, 2, D. Hay.

Boy's race, 1 John Beatty, 2 Ross Horne.

Men's obstacle race, 1 D. Garland.

Blackfeids.

The third election held this year to fill the vacancy on the school board resulted in a victory for R. A. Shular. The vote at the close of the poll stood Shular 23, Gregson 21. C. Riis acted as returning officer. There is some talk of another protest.

E. Weiden, of Red Deer, has opened up a tin shop in town, in the Hunter Block.

Mr. Galbraith, of the Red Deer Advocate, was in town on Tuesday, interesting the business men in an advertising plan to further the interests of this place.

La grippe is the fashionable ailment these days. Nearly every family is afflicted by having one or more of its members suffering from this plague.

The special services in the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Johnson, of Clover Bar, are exciting much interest.

Rimby.

For some time the Methodist congregation at Rimby has wished for a building of its own in which to worship. This desire for a church seems now about to be realized. Mr. James W. Rimby gave the first practical support to the plan for building by donating an acre of ground on one of the choicest building sites in Rimby, just west of the cemetery. Then a government permit to cut timber was obtained, and under the able leadership of Rev. J. W. Wright, junior pastor of the mission, the logs were cut, hauled to the mill and manufactured into lumber and shingles. Although the distance from the mill to Rimby is 28 miles, so great has been the interest of the people in the undertaking, and so hearty the response to the call for help, that already the bulk of the material is on the ground where the church is to be built.

In order to meet the expenses of getting the lumber cut a bazaar social was held last Friday evening at the school house. Rev. P. H. Neville took the chair. A packed house listened to an able program consisting of choruses, solos, duets, music by the Rimby orchestra, charades, tableaux, recitations, and a laughable farce entitled "a tragedy in a Rimby barber shop."

Then came the climax of the evening's pleasure. Baskets beautifully decorated, full to overflowing, were placed under the hammer and quickly knocked down to the highest bidder by our worthy principal Mr. W. A. Saunders. Home made candy, lunches, and hot coffee were supplied by the Ladies Aid society, and sold, swelling the evening's proceeds until the chairman was able to announce at the close that the receipts of the social were \$78.00. This with a generous donation from Putland & Thorp fully meets the present financial needs of the church project.

Too much praise cannot be given to those who provided the program, to the far-famed cooks who furnished baskets, and to the public who so generously supported the social. Work will probably be started on the church not later than the first of May. Volunteer labor sufficient to almost complete the building has been offered. Soon we shall see erected a commodious elegant house of worship, a credit alike to Rimby's enterprise and to unflinching self denial.

South Gull Lake.

The two John's were hunting horses around Gull Lake on Saturday night about twelve o'clock.

The Gull Lake school is making arrangements for a basket social on Friday night, March 6th.

The boys of the lake are starting a 500 club here as well as they are at Bentley.

Mr. S. H. Welsh attended the sale of Messrs. Nelles and Brownlow.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wiese went up to Rimby to see their daughter for a few days.

We see the South Gull Lake boys attending the Bentley libraries quite regularly.

Tommy Reynolds made a visit to the Wieseville P. O. on Friday last.

A Revival in the Swine Industry.

While the swine raising industry has been in some quarters resting on its oars and in others showing positive retrogression, the Live Stock Branch at Ottawa has been getting out a revision of bulletin No. 10, "The Production of Bacon for the British Market." This booklet in its first edition received such a call that a very large edition became exhausted before the demand was satisfied. The call for copies during the late summer and autumn months fell away to some extent but the renewal of interest and hope in the bacon industry is showing itself very strongly in a request from many quarters of the Dominion for more information upon the question of swine raising. Fortunately the new edition is off the press and ready for distribution.

The bulletin in its revised form will scarcely be recognized. In addition to an almost complete new set of illustrations, which are much better arranged than in the former issue, much new matter has been added. Careful treatment has been given the vital question of housing and in this connection a number of plans of modern, approved piggeries are illustrated and described. The economical utilization of dairy by-products, that margin upon which profit in the industry so much depends, is treated as new matter. The very strong revival of the swine raising industry which must of necessity follow the sacrifice of breeding stock that took place during the past autumn has already commenced to show itself. It is safe to predict that with the return of spring with its pasturage and renewal of supply of dairy by-products, together with the shortage of market stock, a demand for swine greater than has been for many years, will be experienced. To furnish information that will be desired at such a time Bulletin No. 10, revised edition, has been prepared. Copies may be secured free by making application to the Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa.

Seed Oats.

In reply to the question of a reader, the Toronto Sun, the farmers' paper, has made in part the following reply. It pointed out that owing to the cheapening of transportation rates Great Britain and Australia were part of Canada. Because transportation rates have been reduced, Australian and Irish butter has been coming into Canada during the past season to be sold at the high price which ruled here as a result of the great shrinkage in our own dairy output. The most remarkable thing is that Australian mutton should find its way here also, into some of the markets of Canada, when there is practically no price for the farmers' fat beef animals. The Sun proceeds to say that during the past week it has been informed that an offer has been received to ship oats from Glasgow to Canada and land at St. John at 55 cents a bushel, sacks included, the oats extra good to weigh 38 to 40 lbs. to the bushel. The Canadian Pacific Railway now running a lot of western wheat to the sea board and no loads back. It is understood that this Scotch oats will be carried to the farms of the west at a nominal rate. There is also the fact that Prince Edward Island has a large quantity of good seed oats which is being offered at Maritime Province points at 52 cents per bushel. This will no doubt have the effect of modifying oat prices here as elsewhere.

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Wm. Hanna.